

## THE FACTS ABOUT TITLE IV-E ADOPTION SUPPORT SUBSIDIES

1. The Title IV-E adoption assistance program is not required. Like all federal entitlement programs it provides federal financial participation and requires non-federal matching funds
2. Many states, including Michigan, had state funded adoption subsidy programs before the Title IV-E adoption assistance program was established in 1980
3. All 50 states participate in the Title IV-E adoption assistance program, Medicaid and other federal entitlements in order to draw down federal funding.
4. Federal adoption assistance law really refers to conditions for receiving federal financial participation (reimbursement). States may do what they wish in funding their own adoption subsidy programs, but if they want federal funding, they must abide by federal law.
5. The IV-E State Plan is the mechanism through which a state pledges to abide by federal law, regulations and policy issuances as a condition for federal financial participation in the Title IV-E adoption assistance program.
6. Michigan's IV-E State Plan, like those of other states begins as follows:

As a condition of the receipt of Federal funds under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (hereinafter, the Act), the Michigan Family Independence Agency (Name of State Agency) (hereinafter "the State Agency") submits herewith a State plan for the program to provide, in appropriate cases, foster care, independent living (at State option) and adoption assistance under title IV-E of the Act and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of this State plan, title IV-E of the Act, and all **applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.**